(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of losses suffered?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b). 'Badrinath' a drill ship contracted by ONGC came under the influence of the cyclonic storm in Bay of Bengal from 13th to 15th November, 1991. On the 15th evening personnel on the drillship could be rescued with help of a helicopter. There was no loss of life or property in the above incident.

LPG Connections

2570. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the LPG connections sanctioned in 1990 out of the priority quota of Members of Parliament have been released; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). As reported by the oil companies, priority vouchers to all persons who were sanctioned LPG connections in 1990 on the recommendation of Members of Parliament has been released.

Exemption to Co-operative Societies in Delhi under Income-Tex Act

2571. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have been given power under the Delhi Co-operative Societies Act, 1972 to exempt from income tax the profits of any Cooperative Society;

(b) if so, whether any notification has been issued by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the Government now propose to issue the notification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). No, Sir. Government of India has not issued any notification to exempt the profit of cooperative societies from the income-tax nor there is any proposal to issue such notification.

Credit to South Asian Countries

2572. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the country-wise amount of credit extended by the Government to the other countries in South Asia during each of the last three financial years;

(b) the total amount disbursed to and repaid by the respective borrowing country as on December 31, 1991;

(c) whether this credit is linked to any project in those countries; and

(d) if so, the particulars of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS)SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). A statement containing the information attached.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

The detail of credit extended by Government to the countries in South Asia, during the last three financial years, the total amount disbursed and repaid by the respective countries as on December 31, 1991 are given below:-

NEPAL

Year	*Credit Extended*	*Amount Disbused*	*Amount Repaid*
1989-89	Rs. 5 crore	Rs. 5 crore	Rs. 5 crore
1990-91	Rs. 39 crore	Rs. 39 crore	Rs. 39 crore
1991-91	Rs. 55 crore	Rs. 55 crore	Rs. 55 crore
Total:	Rs. 99 crore	Rs. 99 crore	Rs. 99 crore

This was in accordance with the revolving stand-by credit agreement between India and Nepal.

SRILANKA

Under the 1987 Credit Agreement a sum of Rs. 25 crores has been extended to Sri Lanka. As on 31.12.1991 a sum of Rs. 4.46 crores had actually been disabused to the Government of Srilanka, and no repayment was made.

BANGLADESH

A credit-line of Rs. 30 crore has been extended to Bangladesh vide Agreement of August 1991 for import of capital goods and machinery from India. This credit has not yet been operated and as such no disbursements have been made out till date. A line of credit of Rs. 20.crores was extended previously vide Agreement of 15.6.1983 between the two governments. The details regarding this credit are given below:-

Year	*Disbursement*	*Repayment*
1989-90	Rs. 5,14,733	Rs. 2,02,59,068
1990-91	Nil	Rs. 2,35,39,183
1991-92 (Upto 31.12.91)	Nil	Rs. 83,30,000
Total:-	Rs. 5,14,733	Rs. 5,21,28,251

[*Translation*]

Legislation on Lottery Business

2573. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a bill in regard to lottery business; and